

is clear that what most needs to be done is to change the fiscal policies of this Administration and Congress, and the budgets they establish, so that indeed more funds can be directed to this valuable institution. Voting for higher authorizations, if in fact votes for higher appropriations do not follow, means little.

This bill establishes a ceiling in the authorization, and provides that half of all increased appropriations would go into a Common Fund in the Office of the Director. If we followed this combination, it would mean 3 more years where appropriations for the institutes won't cover inflation. I regret that our dismal record of recent years of failing to provide sufficient appropriations for the NIH has made the authorization levels in this bill seem generous. They are not.

Certainly, there are proposals in this legislation that are worthy of support, and I will support this bill moving forward. Mr. BARTON has worked hard to moderate his original proposal, and he has secured support from the community as a result of his efforts.

I do urge the Senate, however, as they consider this bill, to pay particular attention to provisions which allow the Administration to abolish institutes and offices established by law without the consent of the Congress. The bill also establishes a Scientific Management Review Board, with similar powers to change the organization of the NIH with no Congressional involvement. Although I recognize that the Secretary has authority to make these kinds of changes under current law, no Secretary has ever used it. So these provisions breathe life into an authority that has long lain dormant. In my view, it is not a wise move for the Congress to affirm and expand the authority of the Administration to undo the actions of the Congress. We should not put the Office of Women's Health, or the Office of AIDS Research, or the Office of Rare Diseases, at risk. These were established by the Congress because the Executive Branch did not recognize their need.

I will support the bill moving forward. And I look forward to its continued improvement.

Mrs. CHRISTENSEN. Mr. Speaker, I want to join my colleagues in applauding Chairman BARTON and Ranking Member DINGELL for their leadership on health matters and for ensuring that we could pass the reauthorization of NIH before we go home. I also commend my CBC colleague and friend, BOBBY RUSH, for leading the effort to preserve the integrity of the National Center for Minority Health Disparity Research.

I am pleased that the reauthorization of NIH will allow the nation's premiere research centers and institutes to continue to play a critically important role advancing efforts to beat HIV/AIDS, diabetes, and cancer, as well as racial and ethnic health disparities among men, women and children in this country.

As a physician, I know—first hand—how critically important and valuable sound research is to the medical and health care community. As the Chair of the CBC Health Braintrust, I know that racial and ethnic health disparities have and continue to leave millions of Americans in poorer health and more likely to die from preventable conditions.

Mr. Speaker, I also know that strategies to reduce and ultimately eliminate racial and ethnic disparities in chronic and acute conditions will never be successful without strong biomedical and bio-behavioral research—the very

research the Center was created to lead, coordinate support and assess at NIH.

This center is the product of the hard work of many individuals in and out of Congress and embodies the promise of modern and future medicine to close the gaps in health care experienced by people of color and improve the health of all Americans as we also contribute to resolving some of the world's pressing health challenges.

It is my hope that as we reform the NIH and place more authority in the office of Director that the integrity of the scientific process will continue to be respected and protected from political and ideological interference. I urge my colleagues to support the adoption of H.R. 6164.

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. BONNER). The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Texas (Mr. BARTON) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 6164.

The question was taken.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. In the opinion of the Chair, two-thirds of those present have voted in the affirmative.

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, on that I demand the yeas and nays.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX and the Chair's prior announcement, further proceedings on this question will be postponed.

REPORT ON RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 6166, MILITARY COMMISSIONS ACT OF 2006

Mr. GINGREY, from the Committee on Rules, submitted a privileged report (Rept. No. 109-688) on the resolution (H. Res. 1042) providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 6166) to amend title 10, United States Code, to authorize trial by military commission for violations of the law of war, and for other purposes, which was referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, proceedings will resume on questions previously postponed.

Votes will be taken in the following order: motion to suspend on H. Res. 989, by the yeas and nays; motion to suspend on H. Res. 1017, by the yeas and nays; motion to suspend on H.R. 6164, by the yeas and nays; conference report on H.R. 5631, by the yeas and nays.

The first electronic vote will be conducted as a 15-minute vote. Remaining electronic votes will be conducted as 2-minute votes.

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The SPEAKER pro tempore. The unfinished business is the question of sus-

pending the rules and agreeing to the resolution, H. Res. 989, as amended.

The Clerk read the title of the resolution.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Texas (Mr. POE) that the House suspend the rules and agree to the resolution, H. Res. 989, as amended, on which the yeas and nays are ordered.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 412, nays 3, not voting 17, as follows:

[Roll No. 483]

YEAS—412

Abercrombie	Cooper	Hart
Ackerman	Costello	Hastings (FL)
Aderholt	Cramer	Hastings (WA)
Akin	Crenshaw	Hayes
Alexander	Crowley	Hayworth
Allen	Cubin	Hefley
Andrews	Cuellar	Hensarling
Baca	Culberson	Herger
Bachus	Cummings	Herseth
Baird	Davis (AL)	Higgins
Baker	Davis (CA)	Hinojosa
Baldwin	Davis (IL)	Hobson
Barrett (SC)	Davis (KY)	Hoekstra
Barrow	Davis (TN)	Holden
Bartlett (MD)	Davis, Jo Ann	Holt
Barton (TX)	Davis, Tom	Honda
Bass	Deal (GA)	Hooley
Bean	DeFazio	Hostettler
Beauprez	DeGette	Hoyer
Becerra	Delahunt	Hulshof
Berkley	DeLauro	Hunter
Berman	Dent	Hyde
Berry	Diaz-Balart, L.	Inglis (SC)
Biggert	Diaz-Balart, M.	Inslee
Bilbray	Dicks	Israel
Bilirakis	Dingell	Issa
Bishop (GA)	Doggett	Jackson (IL)
Bishop (NY)	Doolittle	Jackson-Lee
Bishop (UT)	Doyle	(TX)
Blackburn	Drake	Jenkins
Blumenauer	Dreier	Jindal
Blunt	Duncan	Johnson (CT)
Boehner	Edwards	Johnson (IL)
Bonilla	Ehlers	Johnson, E. B.
Bonner	Emanuel	Johnson, Sam
Bono	Emerson	Jones (NC)
Boozman	Engel	Jones (OH)
Boren	English (PA)	Kanjorski
Boswell	Eshoo	Kaptur
Boucher	Etheridge	Keller
Boustany	Everett	Kelly
Boyd	Farr	Kennedy (MN)
Bradley (NH)	Fattah	Kennedy (RI)
Brady (PA)	Ferguson	Kildee
Brady (TX)	Filner	Kilpatrick (MI)
Brown (OH)	Fitzpatrick (PA)	Kind
Brown (SC)	Flake	King (IA)
Brown, Corrine	Foley	King (NY)
Brown-Waite,	Forbes	Kingston
Ginny	Ford	Kirk
Burgess	Fortenberry	Kline
Burton (IN)	Fossella	Knollenberg
Butterfield	Fox	Kolbe
Buyer	Frank (MA)	Kuhl (NY)
Calvert	Franks (AZ)	LaHood
Camp (MI)	Frelinghuysen	Langevin
Campbell (CA)	Galleghy	Lantos
Cannon	Garrett (NJ)	Larsen (WA)
Cantor	Gerlach	Larson (CT)
Capito	Gibbons	Latham
Capps	Gilchrest	LaTourette
Capuano	Gillmor	Leach
Cardin	Gingrey	Lee
Cardoza	Gohmert	Levin
Carnahan	Gonzalez	Lewis (CA)
Carson	Goode	Lewis (KY)
Carter	Goodlatte	Linder
Case	Gordon	Lipinski
Chabot	Graves	LoBiondo
Chandler	Green (WI)	Lofgren, Zoe
Chocoma	Green, Al	Lowe
Clay	Green, Gene	Lucas
Cleaver	Grijalva	Lungren, Daniel
Clyburn	Gutierrez	E.
Coble	Gutknecht	Lynch
Cole (OK)	Hall	Mack
Conaway	Harman	Maloney
Conyers	Harris	Manzullo